



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**  
*Maryland's Social Services Agency*



**CALENDAR ITEM**

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**SAINT MARY'S COUNTY FOSTER PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE  
IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING**

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD** – The St. Mary's County Resource Parent Association will hold a seminar to provide training to foster parents around emergency preparedness measures. The seminar will focus on ways to be best prepared in the face of a natural disaster.

The seminar is free and open to all foster parents. Those attending will receive a free "Go Bag." The bags contain items that are needed during an emergency and can be conveniently stored and immediately assessable if a disaster makes it necessary to "pick up and go."

**This event is free and open to any foster parents serving Maryland's children in care.**

**WHO:**

St. Mary's County Resource Parent Association  
St. Mary's Emergency Management Agency  
Maryland Foster Parents

**WHAT:**

Emergency Preparedness Training Seminar

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

The Carter Building  
23110 Leonard Hall Drive  
Leonardtown, Maryland

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; and provide temporary cash, food stamps and medical assistance to families. It also funds programs for homeless persons, refugees, migrant workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 638,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency.